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DUTIES ON AUSTRIAN CHEESE

REF: (A) STATE 253124; (B) STATE 106792; (C) VIENNA 3789

SINCE THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR IN AUSTRIA, KREISKY MAY
FEEL OBLIGED TO RAISE THIS ISSUE. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL
THAT FINANCE MINISTER ANDROSCH RAISED MATTER WITH SECRETARY
SIMON DURING KREISKY OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON LAST FALL
(REF A). SUGGEST BRIEFING PAPER OF LAST NOVEMBER BE UPDATED
TO REFLECT REF B AND C. SUGGEST TALKING POINTS ALONG
FOLLOWING LINES:

A) PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION THAT AUSTRIA HAS
PROVIDED BOUNTIES OR GRANTS ON CHEESE EXPORTS TO U.S.
IS ONLY FIRST STEP. INTERESTED PARTIES WILL HAVE
OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN VIEWS WITHIN MONTH
FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION.
FINAL DETERMINATION WILL ONLY BE ISSUED AFTER CONSID-
ERATION OF VIEWS RECEIVED.

B) WE UNDERSTAND AUSTRIANS PLANNING TO SEND
DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE IN MID-
JUNE. SUCH A VISIT IS TIMELY AND WELCOME. AUSTRIAN
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VIEWS WILL BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED.

C) WE WOULD HOPE THAT SINCE EC HAS REACHED
ACCOMMODATION ON ITS CHEESE EXPORTS TO U.S., SIMILAR
ACCOMMODATION WILL BE POSSIBLE WITH AUSTRIA. BUCHANAN

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